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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] the engineer unit, which was under the command of Colonel Shestopanov (fnu) [REDACTED] transferred to the Hindenburg Kaserne in Schwerin from the Hagenow airfield. The unit included Lieutenant Colonel Yolosnov and Major Galkhev and Timorshen (all fnu). [REDACTED] 1 Unit [REDACTED] under the command of Colonel Grishenko (fnu), transferred to Priemerwald near Guestrow from the Hindenburg Kaserne. The unit included Lieutenant Colonel Utlavin (fnu). [REDACTED] 2

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2. On 7 November, an MVD unit under the command of Colonel Petrushin (fnu), Schwerin, vacated the Beethovensschule and moved to three apartment buildings on Obotritenring, behind the courthouse. The Beethovensschule was turned over to the local authorities. 3

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3. [REDACTED] 3 buildings on Hagenowerstrasse, Schwerin, had to be vacated by the town administration by mid-January for an artillery unit under the command of Colonel Polyakov (fnu), [REDACTED] The town administration offices were to occupy 3 buildings on Obotritenring. 4

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4. [REDACTED] the Werder Kaserne, Schwerin, had been occupied by an infantry unit from Saxony. 5

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5. [REDACTED] the MVD hospital in Guestrow, [REDACTED] was commanded by Colonel Gallig (fnu) had transferred to the Eberswalde area. Members of MVD Unit [REDACTED] were given treatment in a hospital [REDACTED] which was commanded by Colonel Petrenko (fnu), had been filled up during the last 4 weeks. Five large ovens had been delivered and the unit had been allotted 37,000 eastmarks for repair work on the buildings. 6

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6. [REDACTED] the artillery unit [REDACTED] commanded by Colonel Gartsulin (fnu) transferred to Priemerwald near Guestrow from the Ludwigslust airfield. Colonel Gartsulin was succeeded by Colonel Vashkevich (fnu). [REDACTED] 7

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7. A hangar at the Hagenow airfield, which served as garage for an engineer unit under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Philipov (fnu), had to be provided with a new roof. On 30 October, Lieutenant Colonel Philipov, escorted by Major Akhaminko (fnu) inspected the building. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen with them. [redacted] about 40 trucks and about 55 to 60 guns were in the hangar. 8

8. [redacted] one Major Heratov (fnu) belonged to the komendatura [redacted] which was under the command of Colonel Popakher (fnu). 9

9. [redacted] the artillery unit, [redacted] which was stationed in the Polizei Kaserne, was under the command of Colonel Poltinev (fnu). Lieutenant Colonel Matveyev and Majors Erzuniyev and Drachev (all fnu) also belonged to this unit.<sup>10</sup> [redacted] the Malchin komendatura with Major Odvento (fnu) [redacted] 11

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10. In early November, Major Stanikov (fnu) was temporarily detached from Grevesmuehlen. This office [redacted] was commanded by Colonel Moskalenko (fnu). 12

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11. In early November, Unit [redacted] had been allotted 26,800 eastmarks for larger water pumps and the laying of water pipes at the Neuhaus and Grewen bases. 13

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] transfer to Hagenow of the unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Itz Rifle Corps, [redacted] from the Hindenburg Kaserne in Schwerin but [redacted] the battalion was stationed at the Goerries airfield, which location appears credible. [redacted] Colonel Ponomarenko (fnu) has so far been carried as battalion commander. Except for Major Timorshen (fnu), the officers mentioned are unknown.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the 10th Gds RL Regt [redacted] in the Hindenburg Kaserne [redacted] Colonel Grishanko (fnu) is known as commanding officer of the regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Utlavin (fnu), is reported for the first time.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Colonel Petrushin (fnu) [redacted] commanding officer of an IVD unit stationed in the Beethoven Schule. [redacted] the school was scheduled to be relinquished by the Soviets and turned over to the local authorities.

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the 136th Gun Arty Regt of the 4th Gds AT Arty Brig (US) in the Krueger Kaserne in Schwerin until 10 November 1953. The buildings on Hagenower Strasse are fairly definitely to quarter officers' families. Colonel Polyakov (fnu) is reported for the first time.

5. [redacted] Comment. The installation is occupied by KVP.

6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] an IVD hospital [redacted] transferred to the Eberswalde area from Guestrow on and after 15 September 1953. Colonel Callig (fnu) is reported for the first time.

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[redacted] Colonel Petrenko (fnu) was last reported [redacted] in Guestrow in October 1951. [redacted]

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7. [ ] Comment. [ ] the 1054th How Arty Regt of the 18th Mezz Div. It is correct that the regiment did not return to Ludwigslust from the Wittstock troop training grounds in October 1953; however, it transferred to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg, rather than Guestrou-Friemerwald. [ ] Colonel Gartsulin (fnu) has been known as commanding officer of the regiment, Colonel Vashkevich (fnu) is reported for the first time.
8. [ ] Comment. As the 107th Gds Engr Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is carried at the Hagenow airfield, it should be commanded by the known Lieutenant Colonel Filipov (fnu). The 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the division which, however, is believed to be equipped with only about 20 guns, is also stationed there. Major Akhanenko (fnu) is reported for the first time.
9. [ ] Comment. [ ] the Wisnar komendatura. Colonel Popakher (fnu), [ ] was reported as Popakha [ ]
10. [ ] Comment. [ ] artillery unit in Postock [ ]  
[ ] of the officers mentioned, Lieutenant Colonel Matveyev and Major Drachev (both fnu) were previously reported.
11. [ ] Comment. [ ] Major Odpentz (fnu) [ ] reported for the first time.
12. [ ] Comment. [ ] Soviet railroad control office at Lobedanzgang, Schwerin. The two officers are mentioned for the first time.
13. [ ] Comment. The Neuhaus and Greven bases belong to the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt [ ] of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Hagenow. The regiment can thus be confirmed until November 1953.

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